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SUBJECT: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Human trafficking is a crime that victimizes millions around the world and represents one of the greatest human rights abuses of our time. President Barack Obama proclaimed January 2015 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The Department of Defense (DoD) is committed to abolishing human trafficking and raising awareness about this form of modern day slavery.

The Department's Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) program establishes responsibilities and provides tools for military investigators, law enforcement personnel, and leadership to deter personnel from engaging in trafficking in persons and related activities. This past October, I was happy to announce, along with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, new CTIP training for Acquisition professionals, reinforcing our commitment to root out forced labor in DoD contracts. Training provided by the CTIP program, which is available at <http://ctip.defense.gov>, educates DoD personnel about recognizing evidence of trafficking in persons, reporting possible cases of forced labor or involuntary servitude, and much more. Trafficking in persons awareness training is mandatory for all DoD personnel in accordance with DoD Instruction 2200.01, "Combating Trafficking in Persons."

In support of the President's proclamation, I encourage you to promote awareness of this issue during the month of January. CTIP Public Service Announcements will air on the Armed Forces Network and Pentagon Channel throughout the year.

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